

**THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A rosary comprising:  
a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby;  
at least one sensor; and  
an audible indicator carried by said flexible elongate member for providing an audible indication based upon said at least one sensor.

2. A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said flexible elongate member is arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom; and wherein said audible indicator is carried at a junction between the loop and leg.

3. A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one sensor is carried by said audible indicator.

4. A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein the plurality of beads comprises sets of beads separated by respective transition beads; and wherein said at least one sensor is carried by at least one of said transition beads.

5. A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one sensor senses user contact.

6. A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one sensor senses a voice of a user.

7. A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein said audible indicator comprises a recorder for recording the audible indication.

8. A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein

said audible indicator comprises a timer for providing a different audible indication based upon a calendar date.

9. A rosary according to Claim 1 wherein the audible indication comprises at least one prayer.

10. A rosary according to Claim 1 further comprising a visual indicator for providing a visual indication based upon said at least one sensor.

11. A rosary according to Claim 10 wherein said visual indicator comprises a timer for providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.

12. A rosary according to Claim 10 wherein the visual indication comprises at least one religious image.

13. A rosary according to Claim 10 wherein the visual indication comprises prayer text.

14. A rosary according to Claim 10 further comprising a switch for permitting user selection of at least one of the audible and visual indication.

15. A rosary according to Claim 10 further comprising a housing mounting at least one of said audible indicator and said visual indicator.

16. A rosary comprising:  
a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby, said flexible elongate member being arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom;  
at least one sensor; and  
a visual indicator carried by said flexible

elongate member at a junction between the loop and the leg for providing a visual indication based upon said at least one sensor.

17. A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said at least one sensor is carried by said visual indicator.

18. A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein the plurality of beads comprises sets of beads separated by respective transition beads; and wherein said at least one sensor is carried by at least one of said transition beads.

19. A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said at least one sensor senses user contact.

20. A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said at least one sensor senses a voice of a user.

21. A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein said visual indicator comprises a timer for providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.

22. A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein the visual indication comprises at least one religious image.

23. A rosary according to Claim 16 wherein the visual indication comprises prayer text.

24. A rosary according to Claim 16 further comprising a housing mounting said visual indicator.

25. A method of providing an audible indication relating to a rosary, the rosary comprising a flexible elongate member, a plurality of beads

carried thereby, at least one sensor, and an audible indicator connected to the at least one sensor, the method comprising:

generating the audible indication from the audible indicator based upon the at least one sensor.

26. A method according to Claim 25 wherein the flexible elongate member is arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom; and wherein the audible indicator is carried at a junction between the loop and leg.

27. A method according to Claim 25 wherein the at least one sensor is carried by the audible indicator.

28. A method according to Claim 25 wherein the plurality of beads comprises sets of beads separated by respective transition beads; and wherein the at least one sensor is carried by at least one of the transition beads.

29. A method according to Claim 25 further comprising sensing user contact.

30. A method according to Claim 25 further comprising sensing a voice of a user.

31. A method according to Claim 25 further comprising recording the audible indication.

32. A method according to Claim 25 further comprising providing a different audible indication based upon a calendar date.

33. A method of providing a visual indication relating to a rosary, the rosary comprising

a flexible elongate member and a plurality of beads carried thereby, the flexible member being arranged in a loop and with a leg extending outwardly therefrom, the rosary further comprising at least one sensor, and a visual indicator connected to the at least one sensor and carried at a junction between the loop and the leg, the method comprising:

generating the visual indication from the visual indicator based upon the at least one sensor.

34. A method according to Claim 33 wherein the at least one sensor is carried by the visual indicator.

35. A method according to Claim 33 wherein the plurality of beads comprises sets of beads separated by respective transition beads; and wherein the at least one sensor is carried by at least one of the transition beads.

36. A method according to Claim 33 further comprising sensing user contact.

37. A method according to Claim 33 further comprising sensing a voice of a user.

38. A method according to Claim 33 further comprising providing a different visual indication based upon a calendar date.